

Listing of Claims:

1. - 44. (Cancelled)

45. (Previously Presented) A method of providing an identification of a musical piece to a person listening with a receiver to a radio station which is playing the musical piece, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a data base storing data for identifying musical pieces;

(b) receiving a telephone message describing the musical piece containing at least a portion of the musical piece which has been received by the receiver and identifying a receiving location to which identification of the musical piece is to be sent;

(c) interrogating the data base to identify the musical piece by comparing the received at least a portion of the musical piece with musical pieces stored in the data base to identify the music piece heard by the person in the database; and

(d) sending to the identified receiving location a message including the identification of the musical piece.

46. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 45, wherein step (c) comprises comparing the musical piece with musical pieces stored in the data base.

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 45, wherein step (b) comprises receiving a telephone message identifying the radio station and the time that the radio station played the musical piece; and step (c) comprises interrogating a play list stored in the data base for the identified radio station.

49. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 45, wherein step (b) comprises receiving a telephone message identifying the radio station while the radio station is playing the musical piece; and step (c) comprises tuning a radio receiver to the identified radio station, receiving the radio broadcast.

50. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 45, wherein step (d) comprises sending the message to an identified telephone.

51. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 45, wherein step (d) comprises sending the message to an identified electronic mail address.

52. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 45, wherein step (b) includes receiving a telephone message ordering a copy of the musical piece; and said method further comprises the step of:

(e) sending an order for the musical piece to an order shipping center.

53. (Previously Presented) A system for providing an identification of a musical piece to a person listening with a receiver to a radio station which is playing the musical piece in a radio broadcast, said system comprising:

a first telephone for receiving a message describing the musical piece which has been received by the receiver that has been played in a radio broadcast on a radio station including at least a portion of the musical piece, and identifying a receiving location to which identification of the musical piece is to be sent;

a data base storing data for identifying musical pieces played by a plurality of radio stations;

a music identification unit responsive to the description of the musical piece including at least a portion of the musical piece in the received telephone message for locating data in said data base identifying the musical piece; and

means for transmitting to the identified receiving location a message identifying the musical piece.

54. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 53, wherein said music identification unit compares the musical piece with data stored in said data base.

55. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 53, wherein said music identification unit compares the time an identified radio station played the musical piece with a play list for the identified radio station to identify the musical piece.

56. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 53, wherein said music identification unit is responsive to identification of a radio station then playing the musical piece for tuning the radio receiver to the identified radio station to receive the at least a portion of the musical piece and comparing the received at least a portion of the musical piece with musical pieces stored in the data base.

57. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 53, wherein said transmitting means comprises a second telephone.

58. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 53, wherein said transmitting means comprises means for transmitting the message by electronic mail.

59. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 53, further comprising means for sending an order for a copy of the musical piece to an order shipping center.

60. (Previously Presented) A method of providing an identification of a broadcast piece of information to a person receiving the broadcast, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving with a first receiver, the broadcast piece of information with the first receiver storing at least a part of the broadcast piece of information;

(b) sending a first message containing at least a portion of the broadcast piece of information received and stored with the first receiver to a centralized information identification location having a data base storing data for identifying pieces of information;

(c) comparing at least the portion of the broadcast piece of information with pieces of information stored in the data base at the centralized information identification location; and

(d) identifying the piece of information on the basis of the comparison.

61. (Previously Presented) A system for providing an identification of a broadcast piece of information to a person receiving the broadcast, said system comprising:

a receiver for receiving the broadcast piece of information, storing the broadcast piece of information and providing a signal reproducing the broadcast piece of information;

first message transmitting means for transmitting a first message describing the piece of information including at least a portion of the broadcast piece of information received and stored with the receiver; and

a centralized information identification location, including:

means for receiving the first message;

a data base storing data for identifying pieces of information broadcast by a plurality of broadcasting stations; and

an information identification unit, responsive to the description of the broadcast piece of information including the at least a portion of the piece of information in the received first message for locating data in said data base identifying the broadcast piece of information.

62. (Previously Presented) A method of providing an identification of a musical piece to a person listening with a receiver to a radio station which is playing the musical piece, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing an identification unit including a data base storing data for identifying musical pieces;

(b) receiving a telephone message describing the musical piece containing at least a portion of the musical piece which has been received by the receiver and identifying a receiving location to which identification of the musical piece is to be sent;

(c) the person connects to the identification unit and at least a portion of the musical piece is transmitted from the receiver to the identification unit;

(d) interrogating the data base to identify the musical piece by comparing the received at least a portion of the musical piece with musical pieces stored in the data base to identify the music piece heard by the person in the database; and

(e) sending to the identified receiving location a message including the identification of the musical piece.

63. (Previously Presented) A system for providing an identification of a musical piece to a person listening with a receiver to a radio station which is playing the musical piece in a radio broadcast, said system comprising:

a first telephone for receiving a message describing the musical piece which has been received by the receiver that has been played in a radio broadcast on a radio station including at least a portion of the musical piece which has been received by the receiver, and identifying a receiving location to which identification of the musical piece is to be sent;

an identification unit including a data base storing data for identifying musical pieces played by a plurality of radio stations to which the person transmits from the receiver at least a portion of the musical piece;

the music identification unit is responsive to the description of the musical piece including at least a portion of the musical piece in the received telephone message for locating data in said data base identifying the musical piece; and

means for transmitting to the identified receiving location a message identifying the musical piece.

64. (Previously Presented) In a system for providing an identification of a broadcast piece of information to a person receiving the broadcast, including a receiver for receiving the broadcast piece of information and providing a signal reproducing the broadcast piece of information, first message transmitting means for transmitting a first message describing the piece of information including at least a portion of the broadcast piece of information received with the receiver an identification unit, the identification unit comprising:

a centralized information identification location, including means for receiving the first message, a data base storing data for identifying pieces of information broadcast by a plurality of broadcasting stations, and an information identification unit, responsive to the description of the broadcast piece of information including the at least a portion of the piece of information in the received first message for locating data in said data base identifying the broadcast piece of information.

65. (Previously Presented) An identification unit according to claim 64 wherein:
the receiver stores the broadcast piece of information and the first message includes at least a portion of the broadcast piece of information stored with the receiver.